House Resolution No. 1952

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Webster Groves High School sponsors a boys basketball program whose 2007-2008 team took First Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association's Class 5 state championships by defeating McCluer North by a score of 71-62 on March 8, 2008; and

Whereas, the Webster Groves basketball Statesmen made it to Finals competition by overcoming Jackson in the Sectionals game, 65-44; Gateway in Quarterfinals by 85-65 points; and Truman in Semifinals by a closer 64-60 score; and

Whereas, Webster Groves varsity Statesmen ended the basketball season with an impressive 29-3 win-loss record; and

Whereas, the state champion Statesmen boys basketball players included Cornelius Meeks, Mike Whittier, Derrick Dilworth, James Kenner, Drew Hanlen, Dante Campbell, Josh DeRouse, Joe Hinton, Bryan Currinder, Jason Meehan, Johnathan Bowie, Kendall Shell, Cortez Conners, Vinnie Raimondo, Zach Redel, and Jack Macon; and

Whereas, the 2007-2008 Webster Groves boys basketball team was astutely guided by Head Coach Jay Blossom with help from Assistant Coaches Scott Stallcup, Sam Snelling, and Scott Gauthier and Managers Katie Maguire, Christiny Miller, Olivia Maguire, and Kayla Onderko; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Missouri high school sports teams as the 2007-2008 Webster Groves boys basketball Statesmen:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments of the Webster Groves boys basketball program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the 2007-2008 team earning the Class 5 State Championship trophy; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Webster Groves High School boys basketball program.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1952, adopted April 16, 2008.